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### **UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL**

**San Diego, CA:** Samuel R. Naff, doing business as SRN Handyman and 1044 Construction, was sentenced today to two years in jail by Superior Court Judge Michael D. Wellington. The City Attorney's Office prosecuted Naff for the following crimes: five violations of unlicensed contracting; one violation of advertising for home improvement without a contractor's license; three violations of attempting to dissuade a witness from contacting the authorities; one violation of misrepresenting himself as a police officer with the intent to intimidate; one violation of knowingly writing a bad check to pay for insurance that was required by one of his jobs; and one violation of attempted grand theft by fraudulent representation. The last charge was based on Naff unlawfully filing a mechanic's lien against a San Diego citizen's home.

"Anyone who attempts to coerce anyone from contacting the authorities will be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by the law," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. "In this environment, it is extremely important that the law protect those who have the courage to speak up."

After Naff is released from custody, he will remain on probation for the remainder of his five years probation. Naff has also been ordered to make full restitution to his victims, estimated to be many thousands of dollars. Naff previously pled guilty to the contracting violations, and a jury convicted Naff on March 28, 2006, of the remaining six charges.

The case, prosecuted by Steven Gold of the City Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit, began as a referral by the California State Contractor's Board. After further investigation by the City Attorney's Office, evidence of additional victims and more serious crimes were discovered.

If anyone had construction-related work done by Naff, especially electrical or plumbing, you are advised to have a licensed professional verify the work was done correctly. If any substandard work is discovered, please contact the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Helpline at 619-533-5600.

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